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# The Yateley Society

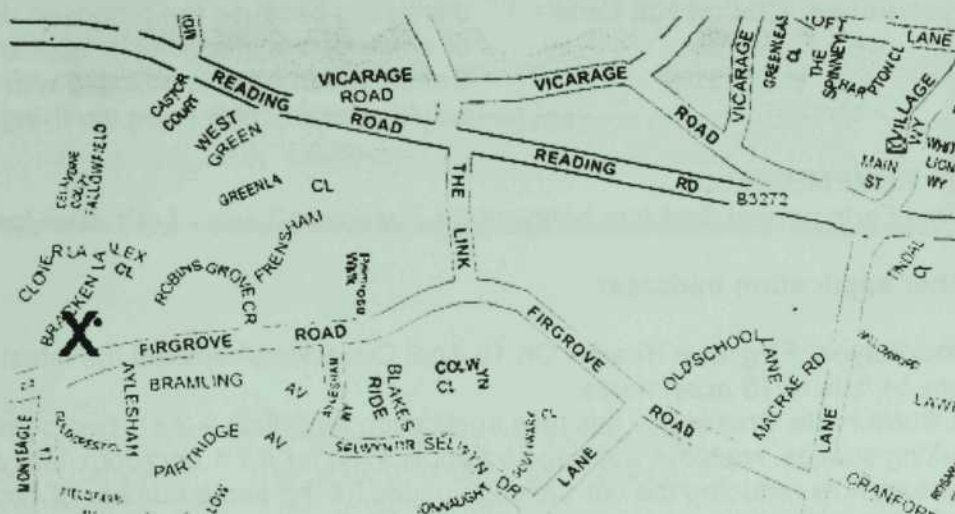
## NEWSLETTER

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### Monthly Meeting Venue

We've had a few problems with our meeting venue of late, with double bookings, locked gates, etc! So this month we thought we'd try something different and follow the lead of the Yateley and District Gardening Society who hold their meetings at :

**"Hedgecroft"  
Bracken Lane  
Yateley**



**So we hope to see you there on Thursday 21 April at 8pm!**



### Visit to St Michael's Abbey, Farnborough

In response to popular demand, we have managed to arrange a couple of special visits, during April, to St Michael's Abbey, Farnborough.

The dates are

Saturday 23 April at 1.45pm for 2pm

and

Tuesday 26 April at 10.30am

On the Saturday, we have been invited to join the monks for a short Service prior to the tour. In order to reserve places on these visits, please telephone Trudy Boothby on 01252 640909. Numbers are limited, so please reply as soon as possible. There is a small charge of £2 per head.



Useful weblinks



Hidden for a century on the Hampshire/Surrey border, the Abbey of St Michael is a little-known treasure trove of history, faith and architecture.

[www.farnboroughabbey.org](http://www.farnboroughabbey.org)

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ISSUES



We are pleased to report that there have been a number of Planning Appeals dismissed recently - interestingly for similar reasons:

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| <b>Robin Hill House -</b>               | dismissed due to loss of privacy and effect on neighbouring properties.  |
| <b>The Coach House, Macrae Road -</b>   | dismissed due to the adverse effect development would have on the semi-rural character and appearance of its surroundings in the Conservation Area.  |
| <b>Yateley Cottage, Eversley Road -</b> | dismissed because of the potential material harm to the character and appearance of the area and the living conditions of the neighbour.   |
| <b>Greenslopes, Cricket Hill Lane -</b> | dismissed because the proposed development would fail to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Cricket Hill Conservation Area (conflicting with several Local Plan Policies) and would unacceptably harm the living conditions of the neighbour |

### AND REMEMBER....

Clarks Farm appeal date has been set for Tuesday 12 July. *Let's work for another good result!*

### Other application updates:

**Woodhayes, Firgrove Road** – On 13 April Councillors rejected the latest application which was revised from 14 flats to 10 apartments.

**22 Somerville Crescent** - this new application for 3 flats – 2 x 1 bedroom and 1 x 2 bedroom, with 4 car parking spaces, replaces the rejected application for 4 x 1 bedroom flats with parking for 6 cars. We're not sure how reducing the car parking spaces for the same number of occupants will help resolve the traffic issues!

**Robin Hill House** (the sequel) – this is a new application (05/0531/MAJOR) submitted to Hart and recommended for approval by Hart District Council's officers. Let's see what the Councillors say.



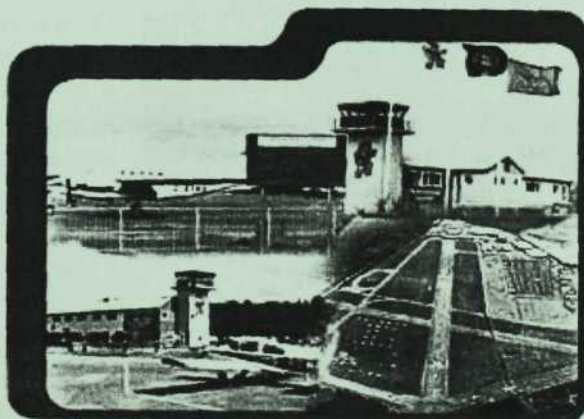
## BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:

The Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee (BACC) has called for each of its members to appoint a backup attendee at the Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee meetings to ensure the meetings happen regularly with enough members. So, we are calling for a volunteer as backup for Tony Hocking. There are only 2 meetings per year, so the commitment is not huge, but will help keep the BACC on track. All we would require is a short report for the Executive Committee meeting on any relevant points to pass back to our members.

At the last meeting, a new Chairman was appointed, Robin Mackay with Stuart Marshall as Vice-Chair and the main topic was complaints received and actions taken.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Tony Hocking on 01252 875158.

The Committee is also seeking a Commoner member. If any Commoner member is interested, please contact Peter Tipton on 01252 873378.



## The Annual Yateley Library Lecture

### "The Haven"

Thursday 19 May at 8pm  
The Drama Hall, Yateley Centre, School Lane  
and afterwards for a glass of wine in the Library

*The Haven was a Yateley based Baptist home for unmarried mothers.*

Lecture by Dr Richard Johnston, based on original research by Valerie Kerslake  
Tickets are £1 and are available in advance from Yateley Library, Tony Hocking (01252 875158),  
or at Yateley Society meetings

*Exhibition open to the public in Yateley Library during May.*

## "STREETS FOR ALL"

In our last newsletter, we enclosed a Street Audit form and asked you to fill one in giving details of your street, or any in Yateley, that you think needs attention. I'd like to thank those of you that have returned completed forms, and also repeat the request to those that haven't. We'd really like to have a strong show from the Yateley Society on this one. I know most of you have a beef about somewhere in Yateley.

So please fill in a form and return it to me.  
Copies can be downloaded from the site below:

*(Personally, I think the 26 little blue bicycle signs and periodic red splodges with white bicycles on the ground in Darby Green Road are rather more distracting and detracting from the semi-rural surroundings, than useful in reminding drivers there may be cyclists around. And at what cost?)*



Useful weblinks



Go to the English Heritage website and select "Public Policy", then "Save Our Streets". Here you can find out about the project and download a Street Audit form to complete and send to me, [jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com](mailto:jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com)

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk>



The Executive Committee (as elected at the AGM each February) meets every 6 weeks and this newsletter is published as a result of the reports produced for those meetings. The items mentioned here are not exhaustive, just indicative of latest projects and developments. If you have any specific questions, input or desire to pursue any of these

issues, please contact me or any other member of the Executive Committee. This is also an appeal if you would like meeting reminders to be sent to you by email, please drop me an email with your address (updated if you've change it!) and I'll add you to my list.

If you are no longer receiving email notices from me, could it be that your email address has changed? Quite a few are bouncing back at me. If so, let me know – [jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com](mailto:jo.hill.45@ntlworld.com).

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - 2005

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 8.00 pm Start unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 21 April 2005	Valda Hudson - presents a guide for the amateur genealogist "Back to Your Roots"
Thursday 19 May 2005	Yateley Library Lecture - The Haven Local History Exhibition - The Haven - on display at the Library during the whole month of May.
Thursday 16 June 2005	Carol White - gives us another update on the archaeological exploits on Yateley Common
Thursday 21 July 2005	Visit to St Mary's, Hartley Wintney
Sunday 11 September 2005	Yateley Fire Station Open Day - Not a Yateley Society event, but one that you may well like to support
Thursday 15 September 2005	Delving into the history of the postal service A talk by well known local authority, Arthur Wing.
Saturday 15 October 2005	Fungal Foray The long awaited jaunt onto the Common to unravel the mystery of the mushrooms.

Programme as 1 April 2005

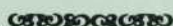


**Our next meeting (21 April) will be held at:**  
**"Hedgecroft"**  
**Bracken Lane**  
**Yateley**

### The Conservation Working Party:

We normally meet at Wyndhams Pool,  
Cricket Hill at 10.00 am on the last Sunday of  
every month. Everyone is welcome to join in  
the fun!

The aim is to help the Yateley Rangers in all  
sorts of tasks in the upkeep of Yateley Common.  
To find out more, please call Mike Mann on  
01252 877741.



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